

Program E: Unemployment Benefits

Program Authorization: R.S. 23:1471, Wagner-Peyser Act of 1983, Social Security act of 1935, and Federal Unemployment Tax Act (FUTA)

Program Description

The mission of the Unemployment Benefits Program is to promote a stable, growth-oriented Louisiana through the administration of a solvent and secure Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund, supported by employer taxes. It is also the mission of this program to pay Unemployment Compensation Benefits to eligible unemployed workers.

The goal of the Unemployment Benefits Program is to provide financial security to unemployed workers through timely and accurate payment of Unemployment Compensation Benefits funded by employers' payments of quarterly unemployment taxes.

The Unemployment Benefits Program administers the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund supported by employer taxes to pay Unemployment Compensation Benefits to eligible unemployed workers. The program's main activities include payment of unemployment claims, investigation of claims, review and determination of appealed cases, and collection of unemployment taxes.

RESOURCE ALLOCATION FOR THE PROGRAM

	ACTUAL 2000-2001	ACT 12 2001-2002	EXISTING 2001-2002	CONTINUATION 2002-2003	RECOMMENDED 2002-2003	RECOMMENDED OVER/(UNDER) EXISTING
MEANS OF FINANCING:						
STATE GENERAL FUND (Direct)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
STATE GENERAL FUND BY:						
Interagency Transfers	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fees & Self-gen. Revenues	0	0	0	0	0	0
Statutory Dedications	2,619,386	4,622,915	4,622,915	4,622,915	4,622,915	0
Interim Emergency Board	0	0	0	0	0	0
FEDERAL FUNDS	11,884,584	8,389,478	8,389,478	7,558,842	8,639,900	250,422
TOTAL MEANS OF FINANCING	\$14,503,970	\$13,012,393	\$13,012,393	\$12,181,757	\$13,262,815	\$250,422
EXPENDITURES & REQUEST:						
Salaries	\$7,656,352	\$6,941,502	\$6,941,502	\$6,942,466	\$6,727,539	(\$213,963)
Other Compensation	502,405	468,359	468,359	468,359	468,359	0
Related Benefits	1,690,189	1,327,841	1,327,841	1,236,289	1,211,676	(116,165)
Total Operating Expenses	3,177,730	1,696,748	1,696,748	1,730,765	3,175,876	1,479,128
Professional Services	36,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	0
Total Other Charges	376,454	77,943	77,943	77,943	77,943	0
Total Acq. & Major Repairs	1,064,840	2,000,000	2,000,000	1,225,935	1,101,422	(898,578)
TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND REQUEST	\$14,503,970	\$13,012,393	\$13,012,393	\$12,181,757	\$13,262,815	\$250,422
AUTHORIZED FULL-TIME EQUIVALENTS: Classified	202	207	207	207	207	0
Unclassified	1	1	1	1	1	0
TOTAL	203	208	208	208	208	0

The Table of Organization (T.O.) has been adjusted to reflect 4 Other Charges positions transferred to the authorized T.O. for fiscal year 2002-2003.

SOURCE OF FUNDING

This program is funded with Statutory Dedications and Federal Funds. The Statutory Dedications (R.S. 23:1511) are derived from the Unemployment Trust Fund monies. These are federally appropriated funds to each Department of Labor. (Per R.S. 39:36B.(8), see table below for listing of expenditures out of each Statutory Dedicated fund.) The Federal Funds are granted to each employment security agency, under the Social Security Act.

	ACTUAL	ACT 12	EXISTING	CONTINUATION	RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED
	2000-2001	2001-2002	2001-2002	2002-2003	2002-2003	OVER/(UNDER)
						EXISTING
E. Sec Adm. Fund - Workforce Development Training Accou	\$1,366,557	\$3,900,000	\$3,900,000	\$3,900,000	\$3,900,000	\$0
E. Sec Adm. Fund - Employment Security Administration Ac	\$1,252,829	\$722,915	\$722,915	\$722,915	\$722,915	\$0

MAJOR FINANCIAL CHANGES

GENERAL FUND	TOTAL	T.O.	DESCRIPTION
\$0	\$13,012,393	204	ACT 12 FISCAL YEAR 2001-2002 (Unadjusted for transfer of Other Charge positions)
			BA-7 TRANSACTIONS:
\$0	\$0	0	None
\$0	\$13,012,393	204	EXISTING OPERATING BUDGET - December 20, 2001
\$0	\$54,243	0	Annualization of FY 2001-2002 Classified State Employees Merit Increase
\$0	\$69,770	0	Classified State Employees Merit Increases for FY 2002-2003
\$0	\$1,101,422	0	Acquisitions & Major Repairs
\$0	(\$2,000,000)	0	Non-Recurring Acquisitions & Major Repairs
\$0	(\$313,799)	0	Attrition Adjustment
\$0	(\$214,601)	0	Other Adjustments - This reduction is due to retirement of highly paid employees. These positions were either filled with a new employee starting at the bottom of the pay scale.
\$0	\$1,479,128	0	Other Adjustments - This adjustment is due to realigning expenditures (travel, operating services and supplies) based on historical spending patterns.
\$0	\$74,259	4	Other Adjustments - This adjustment increases the Table of Organization due to moving other charges positions to the authorized T.O.
\$0	\$13,262,815	208	TOTAL RECOMMENDED
\$0	\$0	0	LESS GOVERNOR'S SUPPLEMENTARY RECOMMENDATIONS
\$0	\$13,262,815	208	BASE EXECUTIVE BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2002-2003
			SUPPLEMENTARY RECOMMENDATIONS CONTINGENT ON NEW REVENUE:
\$0	\$0	0	None
\$0	\$0	0	TOTAL SUPPLEMENTARY RECOMMENDATIONS CONTINGENT ON NEW REVENUE
\$0	\$13,262,815	208	GRAND TOTAL RECOMMENDED

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

\$33,543	Accounting/Auditing services for Employment Security Grants as required by federal regulations
\$466,457	Attorney fees for collecting delinquent unemployment taxes

\$500,000 TOTAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

OTHER CHARGES

\$47,199 Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA) - This program is enacted when disaster is declared in Louisiana by the President of the United States. Trade Readjustment Assistance (TRA) - This program benefits individuals who are displaced from their jobs because of foreign trade. The company could move overseas or have a layoff due to foreign competition. Unemployment Compensation Federal Employees (UCFE-UCX) - Unemployment Compensation Exservicemen - Both of these programs are for military employees that are separated from their jobs. The Federal Government pays 100% of the benefits.

\$47,199 SUB-TOTAL OTHER CHARGES

Interagency Transfers:

\$30,744 Rent In-state owned Buildings

\$30,744 SUB-TOTAL INTERAGENCY TRANSFERS

\$77,943 TOTAL OTHER CHARGES

ACQUISITIONS AND MAJOR REPAIRS

\$1,101,422 Funding provided for the following equipment: CPU upgrade, DASD upgrade, SILO upgrade, Servers upgrade, network upgrade, computer system support services, inserter and printers.

\$1,101,422 TOTAL ACQUISITIONS AND MAJOR REPAIRS